

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY

DOCKET NO. RPU-2023-0001

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

BACKGROUND

On June 12, 2023, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an Application for Revision of Rates (Application) to increase its annual revenues pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6 and 199 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) chapter 26 of the Board's administrative rules. MidAmerican's Application is identified as Docket No. RPU-2023-0001. With its Application, MidAmerican filed proposed permanent tariff revisions, identified as Docket No. TF-2023-0217. Pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6(9), MidAmerican also filed revised tariff sheets, identified as Docket No. TF-2023-0216, implementing temporary rates effective June 22, 2023.

On July 7, 2023, the Board issued an order docketing and suspending the proposed permanent tariff sheets for further review, setting a scheduling conference, and requesting that parties file a proposed procedural schedule for the Board's consideration.

On August 15, 2023, the Board held a scheduling conference attended by MidAmerican; the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), a division of the Iowa Department of Justice; and the Iowa Business Energy Coalition (IBEC). At the scheduling conference, MidAmerican indicated it did not oppose minor modifications to its proposed schedule.

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PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

At the August 15, 2023 scheduling conference, dates were agreed upon for the filing of prepared testimony, a joint statement of issues, settlement and discovery deadlines, and a hearing scheduled to begin January 9, 2024. These dates, in addition to an intervention deadline, are set forth in Attachment A, attached to this order and incorporated herein by reference. Those persons granted intervention are allowed to present evidence and question witnesses as a party, in conformance with the procedural schedule and at the hearing.

SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

If the parties to this proceeding reach a settlement that resolves any of the contested issues, the settlement must comply with the provisions in 199 IAC chapters 7 and 26. Board subrules 7.18 and 26.15 address the manner and method of proposing a settlement, set forth the content requirements for a settlement proposal, and provide time frames. If a proposed settlement is not filed on or before the date specified in the procedural schedule, the Board will conduct the hearing as scheduled, unless it orders otherwise. If a settlement is reached among the parties, the Board is required to consider whether the “settlement is reasonable in light of the whole record, consistent with law, and in the public interest.”

MARKING OF TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

Prepared testimony and exhibits shall conform to the Board’s practice and procedure rules; must be filed in the Board’s electronic filing system (EFS) electronically, in accordance with 199 IAC chapter 14; and shall conform to the naming conventions set forth through this order. Chapter 26 of the Board’s rules contains

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procedural rules and filing requirements specific to rate case proceedings. Where chapter 26 does not provide specific procedural guidance, the general contested case rules in chapter 7 apply to this type of proceeding. The Board is establishing the following naming conventions for this proceeding:

- Prefiled direct, rebuttal, and reply testimony shall be identified by “(name of party) (witness last name) Direct/Rebuttal/Reply/Cross-rebuttal Testimony.” Exhibits are numbered sequentially and shall be identified as “(name of party) (witness last name) Direct/Rebuttal/Reply/Cross-rebuttal Exhibit (Exhibit number).”
- When entering the document titles in EFS, testimony and supporting documents should also be titled using the prescribed naming conventions.
- Testimony and exhibits may not be combined into one document; however, workpapers may be combined with exhibits. Rather than having each party provide a paper copy of its prefiled testimony and exhibits to the court reporter, the Board will ask the parties at hearing to stipulate all prefiled testimony and exhibits be made a part of the record.
- Exhibits offered at hearing shall be identified as “(name of party) Hearing Exhibit (number of exhibit)” and labeled in advance, to the extent possible. Parties that may offer an exhibit at hearing should be prepared to bring or create 10 labeled copies. Exhibits not previously filed in EFS prior to the hearing shall be filed in EFS within three days of the conclusion of the hearing.

ORDERING CLAUSES

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The procedural schedule established for this docket is attached to this order and identified as Attachment A.
2. Settlements that resolve any of the contested issues in this proceeding must be filed on or before December 15, 2023, to allow the Utilities Board time to determine whether the hearing should be held as scheduled. If a proposed settlement is filed with the Utilities Board after December 15, 2023, the Utilities Board will consider the settlement, and any issues that are not subject to the settlement, at the hearing

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scheduled pursuant to this procedural schedule, unless the Utilities Board orders otherwise.

3. A public hearing for the presentation of evidence and the cross-examination of witnesses will begin at 9 a.m. January 9, 2024, in the Utilities Board Hearing Room, located at 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Persons with disabilities who will require assistive services or devices to observe or participate in this hearing shall contact the Utilities Board Customer Service at 515-725-7300 or customer@iub.iowa.gov at least five business days in advance of the hearing to request appropriate arrangements.

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of September, 2023.

ATTACHMENT A

RPU-2023-0001 Procedural Schedule	
Procedural Activity	Date
Intervention Deadline	9/15/2023
OCA & Intervenor Direct Testimony Due	11/2/2023
OCA & Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony to Each Other Due	11/17/2023
MidAmerican's Rebuttal Testimony Due	12/8/2023
Settlement Due	12/15/2023
Joint Statement of Issues Due	12/15/2023
Discovery Deadline	12/29/2023
Prehearing Briefs Due	12/29/2023
Hearing	1/9-12, 2024
Simultaneous Post-hearing Briefs Due	TBD
Reply Briefs Due	TBD